

DIANE DRIEDGER**Oncologist**

It's so big
a cup
taken
from you
breast
We may
have to
take the
rest

I'm paid
to be paranoid
you know
Prognosis
good?
Not really
Only 82%
lifetime
survival rate
face twisted
in syrupy smile

Death wish

Sterile
sweet rose smelling
hospital gown
groping hands
tapping on my back
don't see me

rapier
skull and crossbones

*Diane Driedger's poetry appears
earlier in this volume.*



Diane Driedger, "Breast Cancer Picasso," 2008, watercolour, 17.5" x 26.5".



Diane Driedger, "Pennies from Heaven," 2008, watercolour, 21" x 24.5".